

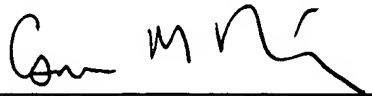
REMARKS

By this Amendment, Applicants have amended claims 1, 3-11, and 13-18 and have added new claims 19-22. New claims 19-22 find support in the original claims and in the specification and do not constitute new matter. The claims have been amended to remove multiple dependencies and to place them in condition for examination in the U.S. national stage. The claims were not narrowed by these amendments. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the this Preliminary Amendment prior to examination of the application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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